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CLAIMS:

1. A furniture item comprising at least one support portion, said at least one support portion comprising a receiving frame and a support member comprising a webbing made of flexible material fitted at its edges with frame-engaging profiles
5 formed with first engaging members for secure engagement with corresponding second engaging members of the receiving frame; the invention characterized in that said frame-engaging profiles are integrally molded with said webbing.
2. A furniture item according to Claim 1, wherein the webbing is a sheet of material.
- 10 3. A furniture according to Claim 1, wherein the webbing is a mesh.
4. A furniture item according to Claim 1, wherein the webbing is made of a plurality of transversally extending straps.
5. A furniture according to claim 1, wherein the webbing is made of or coated with a thermoplastic material.
- 15 6. A furniture item according to Claim 1, wherein the webbing is made of mesh fabric woven of polymeric yarns coated with thermoplastic material.
7. A furniture item according to Claim 1, wherein the frame-engaging profiles are made of a material having a substantially low coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE).
- 20 8. A furniture item according to Claim 1, wherein the frame-engaging profiles are made of thermoplastic material.
9. A furniture item according to Claim 1, wherein the webbing has a roughened texture at least at zones attached to the frame-engaging profiles.
10. A furniture item according to Claim 1, wherein the webbing has a porous
25 texture at least at zones attached to the frame-engaging profiles.
11. A furniture item according to Claim 1, wherein the frame-engaging profiles form a closed frame structure corresponding with the receiving frame.
12. A furniture item according to Claim 1, wherein the frame-engaging profiles extend substantially along edges of the webbing.

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13. A furniture item according to Claim 1, wherein material of the frame-engaging profiles penetrates through the webbing to thereby increase mechanical engagement therebetween.
14. A furniture item according to Claim 1, wherein the frame-engaging profiles
5 are heat welded to respective portions of the webbing.
15. A furniture item according to Claim 1, wherein at least some portions of zones of the frame-engaging profiles attached to the webbing sandwich the webbing.
16. A furniture item according to Claim 1, wherein the furniture is a garden
10 furniture.
17. A furniture item according to Claim 1, wherein the frame-engaging profiles are detachable from the receiving frame.
18. A furniture item according to Claim 1, wherein the first engaging members of the frame-engaging profiles are snappingly engaged with the second engaging
15 members of the receiving frame.
19. A furniture item according to Claim 1, wherein the first engaging members of the frame-engaging profiles project into the second engaging members of the receiving frame and are lockingly engaged with one another.
20. A furniture item according to Claim 1, wherein the webbing is tensioned
20 upon engaging the frame-engaging profiles with the receiving frame.
21. A furniture item according to Claim 1, wherein the receiving frame is integral with a frame portion of the furniture.
22. A furniture item according to Claim 1, wherein the receiving frame comprises openings for receiving the frame-engaging profiles and the frame-
25 engaging profiles are formed with concealing portions, wherein upon engagement said concealing portions close the openings of the receiving frames.
23. A furniture item according to Claim 1, wherein prior to engagement of the support member to the support frame a plane of the webbing and a plane of the frame-engaging profiles are substantially parallel, whilst at the engaged position
30 said panes intersect one another.

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24. A method for manufacturing a support portion for a furniture item, said support portion comprising a receiving frame and a support member comprising a webbing made of flexible material fitted at its edges with frame-engaging profiles formed with first engaging members for secure engagement with corresponding
5 second engaging members of the receiving frame; the method includes integrally molding of the said frame-engaging profiles with the webbing.
25. A method according to Claim 24, wherein the webbing is made of mesh fabric woven of polymeric yarns coated with a thermoplastic material.
26. A method according to Claim 24, wherein the frame-engaging profiles are
10 made of a material having a substantially low coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE).
27. A method according to Claim 24, wherein during the molding process the material of the frame-engaging profiles penetrates through the webbing to thereby increase mechanical engagement therebetween.
- 15 28. A method according to Claim 24, wherein during molding the frame-engaging profiles are heat welded to respective portions of the webbing.
29. A method according to Claim 24, wherein at least some portions of zones of the frame-engaging profiles attached to the webbing sandwich the webbing.
30. A method according to Claim 24, wherein the frame-engaging profiles are
20 connectable to the receiving frame in a detachable fashion.
31. A method according to Claim 24, comprising the following steps:
- (a) Obtaining a mold;
 - (b) Applying the webbing material into the mold;
 - (c) Closing the mold and injecting molten material into the mold
25 to thereby mold the frame-engaging profiles integrated with said webbing;
 - (d) Removing the integrated support portion from the mold.
32. A method according to Claim 24, wherein the webbing is a sheet of material.

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33. A method according to Claim 24, wherein the webbing is made of a plurality of transversally extending straps.
34. A method according to Claim 31, wherein during the molding process plane of the webbing and a plane of the frame-engaging profiles are parallel.
- 5 35. A method according to Claim 31, wherein during step (c) molten material of the frame-engaging profiles penetrates through the webbing to thereby increase mechanical engagement therebetween.
36. A support member for fitting to a support portion of a furniture item, said support member comprising a flexible webbing integrally molded with frame-
10 engaging profiles engageable with corresponding engaging members of a receiving frame of the support portion.
37. A support member according to Claim 31, wherein the webbing is made of or coated with a thermoplastic material.
38. A support member according to Claim 36, wherein the webbing is made of
15 mesh fabric woven of polymeric yarns coated with a thermoplastic material.
39. A support member according to Claim 36, wherein the frame-engaging profiles are made of a material having a substantially low coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE).